

**Sickle Cell Disease  
Public Health Strategic Planning Meeting  
October 13, 2014**

**Psychosocial & Mental Health (Addiction, drug-seeking, and peer-support)**

**{Identify up to 3 priority goals and strategies to address this issue}**

1. Define the problem.
2. Identify barriers and solutions to addressing the problem.
3. Identify best practices or existing models. If a model or best practice doesn't exist for sickle cell disease, does it exist for another disease? Describe.
4. Prioritize the issues you identified in order of importance and feasibility. How could the health department implement your strategy and who would do it?
5. Do you think there should be more mental health resources available to patients/parents/caregivers? Why?
6. What do you think has contributed to the perceived stereotype that patients with sickle cell are drug-seeking?
7. Describe responses for treating patients in the ER who are both in pain and drug-seeking because of addiction.
8. (Physicians) Do you frequently refer patients to mental health professionals when appropriate? What issues do you refer?
9. Do you feel there is a need for more psychosocial/mental health programs for people with chronic disease? Specifically SCD? Why or why not?